

Toronto Youth Summit a sell-out event

It was a standing room only crowd that attended the first ever Toronto Youth Summit from May 23 to 24 in GBC's new Centre for Financial Services Building. The event, which was hosted by George Brown in partnership with the Toronto City Summit Alliance, drew upwards of 300 people – a number that Diana Pugliese, Liaison Coordinator says far exceeded original projections.

"It was great. We had to stop registering – there were just so many people. We had high school and post-secondary students from all over Toronto, and all sorts of youth ranging from the ages of 15 to 30." Media also came out in full force, with the Toronto Star and Rogers Television providing extensive coverage.

Over the two days, attendees had the chance to learn about

a broad range of community issues, join discussions, hear presentations and talk candidly with Toronto Mayorality candidates.

Former George Brown Chef Training student Glenn Walsh attended the event and in his words, "It was fabulous! I didn't know what to expect going in. It was inspiring and empowering being with like-minded people. It was a fantastic opportunity to reach out into your specific communities and areas of interest and network with other people. Hopefully we made some moves for positive change to improve the city."

Dawn Ewing, Coop Consultant with the Faculty of Business and Creative Arts took the opportunity to challenge the candidates on internships. "That's something we've been working on, so it



Students question Toronto Mayorality candidates at the Toronto Youth Summit.

was great to be able to meet them face to face to discuss these issues and get some commitments from them."

Pugliese says that the Toronto Youth Summit was largely driven by the efforts of the Centre for Academic Excellence and Student Success, and by former GBC

student Kevin King, who along with college President Frank Sorochinsky is part of the Toronto City Summit Alliance. Summary findings will be presented to the Toronto City Summit Alliance Steering Committee and will be available online at www.torontocitysummit.ca.

Announcing the 2003 Crystal Apple Awards nominees



The George Brown College Foundation is pleased to announce the nominees for the 2003 Crystal Apple Awards. This is third year for these annual awards, which recognize full-time professors who challenge, motivate and inspire the students they teach.

Only students can nominate teachers for these awards. To nominate a teacher, students must complete a nomination

form as well as submit a letter or essay that outlines how the teacher has contributed to the student's learning experience and how the student has grown as a learner as a result of knowing the teacher.

This year 190 students were involved in nominations for the Crystal Apple Awards. A total of 71 nominations were received, with several professors receiving multiple nominations. Congratulations to all professors nominated for the 2003 Crystal Apple Awards.

The 2003 GBC Foundation Crystal Apple Award Recipients will be announced in the fall. For more information visit www.gbrownc.on.ca/foundation or call (416) 415-2054.

The 2003 nominees are:

Dale Atkinson
Peter Au
William Basztyk
Robin Buyers
J. Blake Chamberlain
Amalesh Chakraborty
Julie Cichon
Karen de Prinse
Carolyn Perry Donnan
Rod Donne
Judy Ercolino
Loreto Forte
Ian Gallacher
Marie Goulet
Jan Grady
Annette Hemerik
Michael Hlinka
Gary Hodson
Zeenat Janmohamed
Errol Johnson
Suzanne Kavanagh

Betty-Jean Landry
Rachel Langford
Doug Laporte
Barbara Librach
Bob Luker
Marie Madill-Payne
Colleen Mahy
Stephen Mann
Noreen McGibney
Helen McIlwraith
Cindy McNairn
Reeves Medaglia-Miller
Akber Remu
Paul Royes
Anne Marie Stoneburgh
John Swinderski
Diane Wardrope
Lynn Wilson
David Wolfman
Lorraine Wright
Robert Young
Olga Zamora

SLC project gets high marks for performance

It's been five months since the Student Life Cycle Implementation team got into full gear on this college-wide initiative – and according to team leaders Brenda Pipitone and Wayne Poirier the progress report is looking good. "Students, faculty and staff are going to see a difference in the September semester. We've laid the groundwork for some significant long term change in a number of areas and we are working on phasing in these changes over the next year," says Pipitone.

Here is just a sampling of accomplishments to date.

Student Service Centre Project

Pipitone says that the Student Service Centre team is on its way to developing the one-stop-shop concept for delivery of integrated student services at Casa Loma and St. James campuses. "We have a Student Service Centre Group meeting on a weekly basis to put the details on a large conceptual model. A number of pilot project activities were launched in May that improved service



Brenda Pipitone

to students and moved us closer to our vision."

These included the use of student ambassadors who provided a warm welcome; improved signage, which helped to direct students; and an OSAP "quick questions" which reduced the wait time for service. "An expansion of this prototype is being developed for September," says Poirier.

Physical Environment Project

This project team has been focusing on improving the physical environment for students. Pipitone says, "Students told us that George Brown lacked adequate spaces to relax, study and socialize in."

Welcoming and "learner-friendly" spaces have been created that reflect a contemporary urban look and feel. They contain areas designed to support group and technology-assisted learning, as well as places where students can gather. "This offers our students a more inviting environment to spend time in," she adds.

Faculty members Peter Lawrence and Ian Gregory from the Business and Graphic Design division have presented a creative plan that will be implemented by September and will significantly improve navigation of the buildings. Two washrooms at St. James (basement level) and two at Casa Loma (cafeteria level) will undergo a transformation and become the new prototype for washroom renewal at the college before the September start date.

ITS Infrastructure and Related Projects

This project will integrate the college systems, and introduce a Common Information Repository and Customer Relationship Management

(CRM) tool. "The project team is in the review and assessment process right now," ITS project manager Stephen Hodson reports. "We want to achieve a stable operating environment that staff and students can rely on."

"We'll also be conducting more focus groups to test ideas and using that feedback to move forward with input from many areas in the college – the Student Association, the Registrar's Office, Marketing and Communications and Facilities to name only a few," explains Pipitone.

"Together, we've accomplished a great deal, and we have a lot of people to thank for that. It is great to see these projects deliver some tangible results. It demonstrates that people working together do make a difference and that change is really happening."

For more information about the Student Life Cycle project, contact Brenda Pipitone at ext. 2614 or Wayne Poirier at ext. 2456, or by e-mail at slc@gbrownc.on.ca.

GBC students win big at Skills Ontario

Ten students from the GBC Faculty of Technology applied their talents at the annual Skills Canada – Ontario competition held in Kitchener/Waterloo May 26 to 28. After three days facing a tough competitive field, the group ended the event with three gold medals, two silvers and three bronze medals to show for their efforts.

The Skills Canada – Ontario competition is an annual event that draws more than 800 secondary and post-secondary school students from all regions of Ontario.

Gold medals went to Tool & Die program student Taesu Yim (CAM competition), and

Architectural Technology students Brandon Barroso (for Architectural CAD) and Scott Cairns (for Architectural Animation).

Silver medal winners were Mechanical Engineering student Peter DelNero (for Mechanical CAD) and Architectural Technology student Rohan Kevin Scott (for Architectural Animation).

Tool & Die student Roland Gula (CAM competition), Mechanical Engineering student Daniel DiFloria (Mechanical CAD) and Building Renovation student Eric McFarland (Carpentry – Individual), came home with bronze medals.



(l to r) GBC Ontario Skills Competition bronze medallist Daniel DiFloria (Mechanical CAD); Faculty of Technology Coordinator Adel Esayed; Faculty of Technology Professor Matthew Manton; Taesu Yim (Gold Medal – CAD); and Roland Gula (Bronze Medal – CAM).

Congratulations to all the students and teachers who participated. Faculty advisors who attended the Skills

Ontario event were: Ted Lewis, Brian Waters, Matthew Manton, Adel Esayed, Noel Young and Gary Smith.

Faculty learn the Cooperative Learning ropes

The first class held at the Lecture Hall in the new Centre for Financial Services Building was not for the usual group of students. The room was in fact filled with faculty and staff members who were there to take part in a lively and informative professional development workshop presented by Dr. Idahlynn Karre on "Enhancing Learning in the College Classroom".

More than 250 registered for the daylong workshop – including 26 instructors from other Ontario colleges – where they had a unique opportunity to experience the cooperative learning process first hand from a seasoned expert in the field. Dr. Karre had the audience go through a series of ennetic and challenging interactive exercises where participants worked in teams to discuss issues, solve problems and present to other class members.

"It's pretty innovative," said John Wren, a professor who came from Fanshawe College to take part. "The excitement of the class, the energy, learning how to implement the process – it's all wonderful stuff! Other colleges should get together

and try to expand on this idea."

Business and Creative Arts Barbara Thistle, comments, "It was an extremely energizing and creative presentation to have attended. I learned lots of ways to engage students in learning."

And it wasn't just faculty who benefited from the workshop. Nancy Sherman, Director for International Education says, "I'm always interested in knowing how our international students will experience their time with the college, especially with classes getting larger. And while I don't teach, I am often speaking with large groups about the college. I also realize that this approach is something we can share with colleagues in other countries."

Sherman adds that she's seen the results of bad practices first-hand, "I have a son who has often been involved in what was supposed to be 'cooperative' education but it really wasn't a good experience. Now I know that it wasn't the real thing!"

For more information on upcoming Professional Development activities at George Brown, visit www.gbrownc.on.ca/Admin/hr/src/.

Gbctoday.ca Committee gearing up for summer pilot



On May 29, *gbctoday.ca* Project Leader John Price made the first "official" presentation on the initiative to faculty members and staff at the new Centre for Financial Services Building. He provided the audience with a project overview of progress to date, as well as outlined details on the summer pilot project and roll-out plans for the fall. Price (shown left in photo) was joined by Committee members (l to r): Shirley Lesch, Cal Shaw and Wendy Lowe from LIAD; Bob Cox (Staff Development); and Joyce Lamb and Rosalie Starkey (Marketing and Communications). Missing from the photo are Christine Shreves (HR), Russell Wright (Project Manager for SCT, the software vendor) and Cheryl Dunn (ConEd).

Lieutenant Governor joins Travellers' Aid Society reception at Siegfried's



On May 29, The Hon. James K. Bartleman, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, was the guest of honour at a reception held in Siegfried's by the Travellers' Aid Society of Toronto. The event is part of centennial anniversary celebrations for the Travellers' Aid Society and included the presentation of a cheque to establish the Travellers' Aid Society Centennial Bursary for students in the Faculty of Hospitality & Tourism. This endowment will provide an annual award to a student who demonstrates helpfulness and support to others. Lieutenant Governor Bartleman is shown second from left with (l to r) Dr. Jeremy Sloan, President of the Travellers' Aid Society; Eugene Harrigan, Vice-President, Corporate Services; and Margo Sheppard, Executive Director, George Brown College Foundation.

For more information on the Travellers' Aid Society Centennial Bursary and other student awards visit www.gbrownc.on.ca/foundation.



Dr. Idahlynn Karre led a lively and informative workshop on cooperative learning that drew more than 250 faculty and staff members from George Brown and other Ontario colleges.

October 23 Staff Celebration Day recognizing our great GBC Staff

George Brown staff members have given so much to the College, now we're planning to make time to recognize and celebrate the contributions of so many people with a day of sharing, learning and celebration. So mark Thursday, October 23 in your calendars for an exciting event that is being planned just for GBC staff that you won't want to miss. That's when George Brown College will be hosting a college-wide Staff Celebration Day!

It will be the main event of College Intercession Week happening October 20 to 24.

The week will also include a wide range of professional development activities. "This special day will include interactive workshops, staff tours of the new facilities, an opportunity to learn more about other College areas, talk to colleagues and most importantly, recognize and celebrate past and present Staff accomplishments and our exciting future," says Nancy Hood, Executive Director of Human Resources.

Bob Struthers, former Vice-President of Corporate Services states that Staff Celebration Day is not just for current

staff. "It's a rare opportunity for former employees to join with current staff to celebrate the College's milestone events and explore GBC's journey over the past 30 years. Everyone can view the new facilities and connect with old friends, as well as make some new friends along the way."

Both Hood and Struthers are part of the Steering Committee that is working with various departments in planning a number of interactive activities for the day, including displays, facility tours, technology and fitness

presentations. The Committee also includes GBC President Frank Sorochinsky; Michael Cooke, Vice-President of Academic Excellence and Student Success; Marilou Martin, President, Support Staff Union; Tom Tomassi, President, Faculty Union; and Sylvia Rossi, of the Human Resources Office.

"It's going to be fun and informative", says Sorochinsky. "It's more than just a gathering. It's an all-inclusive celebratory event that will give people something to remember".

College staff changes

For the period up to May 31, 2003:

New Hires

Administrative Staff

Stacey Andrews, *Facilities Management*
Darrin Caron, *Centre for Continuous Learning*
Christine Chamberlain, *Faculty of Hospitality & Tourism*
Gerry Drappel, *Faculty of Technology*
Stephen Hodson, *Information Systems*
Yen Kha, *Academic Excellence & Student Success*
Patricia Kitchen, *Student Affairs*
Jack Schachner, *Information Systems*
Elizabeth Speers, *Faculty of Business & Creative Arts*
Academic Staff
Olga Dosis, *Student Affairs*
Halina Sultani, *Educational Resources*
Katherine Johnson, *Faculty of Community Services & Health Sciences*
Jacqueline Lundstedt, *Faculty of Community Services & Health Sciences*
Ena Mendez, *Faculty of Community Services & Health Sciences*
Triscia Peritt, *Faculty of Community Services & Health Sciences*
John Remington, *Faculty of Community Services & Health Sciences*
Support Staff
Janene D'Souza, *Registrar's Office*
Liz Gonzalez, *Student Affairs*
Stacey Mauger, *Human Resources*
Sarah Tapp, *Faculty of Community Services & Health Sciences*
Daniel Vasquez, *Human Resources*

Retiring from the College

Helen Brown, *Centre for Continuous Learning*
Carlo Romano, *Facilities Management*
Marguerite Wales, *Student Affairs*

Leaving the College

Kwan Chiang, *Information Systems*
Lisa Compton, *President's Office*
Mary-Jo Dodds, *Information Systems*
Fred Gaspar, *Information Systems*
Tanweer Gilani, *Registrar's Office*
Nancy MacMillan, *Faculty of Hospitality & Tourism*
Ellen Ramkisson, *Student Affairs*

upcoming events

Hospitality & Tourism Discovery Days

July 16, August 13 (2:00 to 4:00 pm)

Take a complete tour of the facilities, see demonstrations by chef/instructors, etc.

Call Sandra Silva at 416-415-5000 ext. 2239

Convocation 2003

July 17 and 18 (11:00 am to 8:00 pm)

John W.H. Basset Theatre

Metro Toronto Convention Centre, 225 Front St. W.

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Summer holidays begin for CCN

Just to let you know – this is the last issue of CCN for the 2002/2003 academic year. Look for our next issue in August when we'll be bringing you even more news as we begin the double cohort. We'd like to thank everyone for their many contributions to the newsletter over the year, and wish you a safe and happy summer!

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